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## Fallen Heroes Dedication

NEW CASTLE, INDIANA (December 4, 2012) – Correctional Officer Timothy Betts was honored at the Indiana Department of Correction's (IDOC) Correctional Training Institute on November 29, 2012. Officer Betts suffered a fatal heart attack in the line of duty on August 26 of this year at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility near Carlisle, Indiana. Officer Betts was 51 years old, and a 15 year veteran of the IDOC.

Family members, friends and IDOC staff gathered to remember and honor Officer Betts. Richard Curry, Executive Director of Staff Development Emergency Operations, welcomed everyone to the memorial service noting, "This is a bittersweet occasion. Mr. Betts is gone, but certainly not forgotten."



Pendleton Correctional Facility Honor Guard escorts Fallen Heroes Plaque into museum for display.

Superintendent Richard Brown, Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, reflected on the loss of Officer Betts and the impact of the loss on so many, "We are still grieving, remembering the good times and memories. He was well-respected, a mentor and a 'go-to' person for so many." Superintendent Brown

went on to say, “The support from the IDOC and from across the nation during these trying times has been great.”

Commissioner Bruce Lemmon echoed the sentiments of many of those attending the dedication, “It’s bittersweet to have staff pass away in the line of duty. Mr. Betts was a dedicated family man, very much respected, and missed by so many.”

An Honor Guard from the Pendleton Correctional Facility stood at attention while the name of Officer Betts was ceremoniously added to the IDOC Fallen Heroes Plaque. The plaque was escorted by the Honor Guard to the Reflections of Pride: The History of the Indiana Department of Correction Museum where the plaque will remain on display.

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